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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Tulsa, I am writing to strongly support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to assist with the with the I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County. The proposed improvements to I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa County are both necessary and urgent to provide for motorist safety, better facilitate traffic and improve freight movement and to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

These significant corridor improvements are both necessary and timely to complete the project on this significant stretch of interstate on the National Freight Network that is a bottleneck within the region and the State for all travel. Further, the project abuts the existing Turkey Mountain Wilderness and its planned expansion, that adds quality of life to all Tulsans and Oklahomans as a statewide destination.

The I-44 and US-75 Corridor Project is a vital link through the City of Tulsa that connects our city to the region, state and nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Best regards,

G.T. Bynum  
Mayor  
City of Tulsa